SECRETARY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
7 APR 1923

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m., on Thursday the 15th day of March 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Muhammadan representation in the Revenue Department in Ganjām.

884 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans employed in the Revenue Department as deputy collectors, tahsildars and sub-magistrates in the district of Ganjām in 1922 and 1923?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the Quarterly Civil Lists and the District Revenue Establishment List for 1922 and the Annual Civil List for 1923 which have been placed in the Legislative Council Library. The District Revenue Establishment List for 1923 will be available only on or after 1st June 1923.

Translation into vernaculars of Government Order revising darkhast rules and G.O. No. 1396, *Revenue, dated* 31*st July* 1922.

885 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government Order revising darkhast rules and G.O. No. 1396, Revenue, dated 31st July 1922, have been communicated to the Publicity Officer; and

(*b*) whether the Publicity Officer has translated them into the vernaculars and published them broadcast among his correspondents in rural areas?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.

Tree-tax on waste and occupied poramboke lands.

886 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to state whether it is the intention of Government to give half concession rates in respect of the newly revised tree-tax on waste and unoccupied lands, if the owners happen to be depressed class pattadars; and

(ii) to lay on the table all the Government Orders regarding the tree licence system on poramboke lands?

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A.—(i) No.

(ii) The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.Os. No. 1732, Revenue, dated 11th June 1912 and No. 2326, Revenue, dated 18th June 1918, which were placed on Editors' Table and to the Press Communiqué, dated 20th March 1916.

Exemption from water-rate and assessment in respect of waste land.

887 *Q*.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(i) the number of depressed class pattadars in Nellore and Kistna districts that enjoy the benefit of exemption from water-rate and assessment in respect of waste lands assigned to them; and

(ii) why this concession has not been extended to the assignees of waste lands among the depressed classes, in southern districts like Chingleput, South Arcot, Tanjore and Trichinopoly?

A.—(i) The Government have no information.

(ii) The concession is a temporary one and the Government saw no reason to extend it to other districts in the Presidency.

Rewards to officers in the Police department.

888 *Q*.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Finance, the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(*a*) to state the names of gentlemen in the Police department to whom jaghirs or land revenue assessments have been given by Government during the last four years in addition to their respective pensions or salaries;

(*b*) to lay on the table the connected correspondence on this subject; and

(*c*) to state whether it is the intention of the Government to extend this sort of reward to such of the officials or non-officials who have rendered meritorious service on behalf of (1) the depressed classes and (2) Government in fighting non-co-operation?

A.—(*a*) Assignments of revenue have been made in favour of—

(1) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Nayudu Garu.

(2) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. Bhavanandam Pillai Avargal.

(3) Khan Bahadur Muhammad Abdul Karim Sahib Faruqi.

(*b*) The correspondence on the subject cannot be laid on the table.

(*c*) The Government have no such intention at present.

Communal representation among Inspectors of Co-operative Societies.

889 *Q*.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: With reference to Government's reply to question No. 605 (*b*) at the meeting of the Council on 12th October 1921, regarding Muhammadan Inspectors in the Co-operative department, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what special steps the Government have taken till now or intend taking hereafter for encouraging or entertaining at least three Adi-Dravidas and three Muhammadans as Inspectors of Co-operative Societies in each of the districts of this Presidency?